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REMARKS

This paper is provided in response to a phone call from the Examiner on 15 Oct. 2004, asserting that Kienberger (5,949,756) teaches the invention as in claim 1, and suggesting that the limitations of claims 2 and 4 be added to claim 1. This paper is not an amendment, but only a proposal to the Examiner.

Kienberger discloses setting up "permanent-type" connections over an ATM network to connect two TDM communication systems. They appear to be set up administratively, not automatically and dynamically (i.e. not autonomously by an element of the ATM network). (See col. 8, line 12.)

This paper proposes the following: correcting several errors in the application; rewriting claim 1 to more positively recite limitations by moving limitations in the preamble to the body of the claim and eliminating the preamble; including the limitation of claim 2 in claim 1 and canceling claim 2; and including in claim 1 the limitation that the controller queries the control element or monitoring element using TCP, thus partially incorporating into claim 1 the limitation of claim 4. Also, new claims would be added, system claims corresponding to method claims 1 and 3-7.

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